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SUBJECT: HAITIANS AT GUANTANAMO

1. NINETY-SEVEN OF 101 HAITIANS AT GUANTANAMO SINCE
AUGUST 10 WERE REPATRIATED TO HAITI TODAY ABOARD US
MILITARY AIRCRAFT. FIRST TWO FLIGHTS ARRIVED AT 0910
LOCAL WITH 37 HAITIANS, 60 OTHERS FOLLOWED ON THREE
FLIGHTS ARRIVING AT 1310 LOCAL.

2. HAITIANS WERE RECEIVED BY GOH IMMIGRATION DIRECTOR
WEBER GUERRIER AND BY NORMAL COMPLIMENT OF AIRPORT
IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF
HAITIAN RED CROSS AND US EMBASSY. HAITIANS WERE UNEASY
AT FIRST BUT WERE CALMED BY GUERRIER'S REPEATED ASSURANCES
OF PRESIDENT DUVALIER'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN THEIR
WELFARE. GUERRIER SAID HE HAD TOLD PRESIDENT PERSONALLY
OF THEIR PLIGHT AND HAD GIVEN PRESIDENT TAPE-RECORDED
MESSAGE HAITIANS HAD MADE DURING GUERRIER'S AUGUST 12
VISIT TO GUANTANAMO. GUERRIER SAID PRESIDENT UNDERSTOOD
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ECONOMIC MOTIVATIONS FOR THEIR DEPARTURE BUT HOPED IF
THEY LEFT HAITI AGAIN THEY WOULD DO SO WITH PROPER
DOCUMENTATION.

3. AFTER IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS FILLED OUT "ARRIVAL
CARDS" FOR EACH RETURNEE THEY WERE PERMITTED TO
LEAVE AIRPORT BY COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION. EACH

RETURNEE WAS GIVEN \$20.00 TO ASSIST IN RETURNING TO HIS HOME. RED CROSS OFFERED ASSISTANCE TO FEW WITH MEDICAL PROBLEMS AND ARRANGED TO FOLLOW UP WITH ONE WOMAN NEEDING SURGICAL TREATMENT OF CANCEROUS GROWTH ON HER EAR. GUERRIER REITERATED TO ALL BEFORE THEY LEFT THAT IF THEY HAD ANY PROBLEMS WHATSOEVER THEY WERE TO CONTACT HIM PERSONALLY.

4. HAITIAN OFFICIALS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR FINE COLLABORATION WITH ALL US PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN RESOLVING DIFFICULT PROBLEM. THEY WERE ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED BY ADMIRAL FLANAGAN'S GENEROSITY IN MAKING HIS AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE REPATRIATION AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. IMMIGRATION DIRECTOR GUERRIER VOLUNTEERED TO HAVE FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH STATE REPS HANSON AND ARTHUR AT THEIR CONVENIENCE. EMBOFF TIGHE AND POLOFF IRONS WILL ACCOMPANY.
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